



## Holy Cross Prayer Relay Ministry

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, 12:12, tells us to “be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” The Holy Cross Prayer Relay Ministry in our parish encompasses 28 members who are willing to pray for the needs of our parish members and all people in surrounding communities within a short time after receiving a phone call; we have kept it this way to assure privacy.

After initiating the prayer intention, phone calls are made to five relay teams who pass on the request to their prayer partner, who in turn pass it on to the next prayer partner on the list. Within a short amount of time, 28 people are praying for the requested intention. Prayers of thanksgiving are also offered, as well as urgent prayer requests. The Prayer Relay is posted in the entrances of church and encourages anyone to call when needed. No intention is too small for this ministry in our Parish!

Let us put the power of prayer in action for you and your prayer requests! You may call anytime after 6 am. Intentions for the day are passed on by 9:15 am. Urgent requests will be taken any time and passed on immediately. Calls made any time after 9:15 am are placed on the next day’s prayer intentions. Your privacy and confidentiality will be respected.

Special prayers of thanksgiving go out to Mary Kalupa, one of the originators of the Holy Cross Prayer Relay, for her many years of service in this ministry as she has decided to retire. May God bless you abundantly for service to those in need! The wonderful thing about this is it isn’t farewell, for we know Mary will continue to pray a general intention each day for the prayers offered up on the Holy Cross Prayer Relay. Thank you, Mary. May God continue to shower you with many blessings!

Also, a special thank you to the families of Jan VandeHey, Gen Wentzel, and Dot Siebers, for their dedication continued on the Prayer Relay until the day God called them home!

**We would like to invite anyone interested to join this ministry in our parish!** It is a daily commitment requiring daily service. To make a prayer request, or if you are interested in joining the Holy Cross Prayer Relay, call Patti Bongers-DeGroot at 920-851-1017.